

spec. of the *Smilax hispida* (Schreb.)
it should be called *D. Pandanthus*
& *Muscari* I find, as at Alexandria
The common Blueberry, as at Alex'a,
is the *V. vacillans*. The *Carex*
intimescens (?) which I sent you
from Alex'a grows here. If you
see anything peculiar in it, I can
send you native spec. I find
a very pubescent form of *Calystegia*
(*C. sepium pubescens*, probably)

There are some other plants
that I would like to speak of,
but I have not time to do so at
the present writing. Are my notes
too late to be soldered into the
new Manual? I would like you to
have seen our *Sarothamnus* in
flower, (from middle of Apr. to four
part of June); it is quite a feature in
our flora, quite common, often ^{forming}
in large thickets, sometimes growing
8 or 10' high. — In haste, Yours truly
A. H. Brewster.

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Beverly Mass
June 25, 1861

Prof. Gray,

Dear Sir — I have just
discovered an unfortunate mistake
which I very much regret to have
made, and I hasten to explain
the matter, knowing that it
must have caused mutual annoy-
ance and misunderstanding.
A month ago I made up a pkg.
for you, containing fresh spec.
of a number of new plants
not described in your Manual
(probably Southern plants), & wrote
an explanatory letter. I then
put them away and directed that
they should be carried to the P.O.
I, of course, have been surprised at
not receiving a reply, but as I
accidentally discovered last evening
that, through the carelessness of the
carrier, the letter was not mailed.

the matter is explained - in an unexpected manner - I will therefore repeat what I then wrote, with a few additional notes, and, as the package itself may not have reached you in good order, or not at all, I will enclose pressed duplicates of its contents, (excepting an aquatic, which, however, was hardly worthy of notice), viz: -

1st. - *Sagina elliptica*, Fenzl. Common along road-sides. N.B. - Seeds are rough.

2nd. - A plant similar to the *Sagina* in size, place & mode of growth, season of flowering (Apr. - June), & equally common. I think it allied to the *Chenopodiaceae*. It seems to have a solitary stamen affixed to the base of the achmium, but I can discover no style or stigma.

3^d. - A *Galium*, belonging, I suppose, to section + + +, with purplish

flowers, the leaves usually in whorls of seven, varying from 4 to 8. It grows with Nos. 1 & 2, very common, usually low, taller among grass, - in flower since middle of June. 4th. - A beautiful *Craps*, ^{the perianth} of a purplish silvery lustre, deepening the more dark as it matures, of about $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the whole plant (which is 1" - 3" high), its lower portion sheathed & scabrous. Leaves strongly involute, so that they appear terete, 2' - 7' long. Stamens one. The other particulars you can determine from the species I send. But you will probably recognize the plant at a glance. It is abundant in our dooryard.

I have found but few plants here which seem to be out of the range you ascribe to them. *Draba brachycarpa* is common along road-sides. I have found some frightful